

second inner concave surface and said second outer convex surface; and

a spring member having a semicircular shape, said spring member having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is affixed to said first outer convex surface of said first fixture, interiorly of said first edge thereof, and wherein said second end is affixed to said second outer convex surface of said second fixture interiorly of said second edge thereof.

20. (Amended) The clasp of claim 17, wherein said spring member further comprises:

a first end portion;

a second end portion; and

a midpoint;

wherein said first end portion connects said first end and said midpoint, and wherein said second end portion connects said second end and said midpoint;

said clasp further comprising:

a first connector having a first proximal end and a first distal end, wherein said first proximal end is disposed on said first end portion of said spring member, such that said first distal end extends outwardly from said member in the direction of said second end portion; and

a second connector having a second proximal end and a second distal end, wherein said second proximal end is disposed on said second end portion of said spring member, such that said second distal end extends outwardly from said spring member in the direction of said first end portion;

wherein said first distal end is moveably connected to said second distal end.

23. (Amended) A jewelry clasp for releaseably holding an ornamental object,

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a first fixture having a concave inner surface and convex outer surface, wherein said inner surface of said first fixture has concave shape covered by a first cellular material;

a second fixture having a concave inner surface and convex outer surface, wherein said inner surface of said second fixture has a concave shape covered by a first cellular material; and

a spring member having a semicircular shape, said spring member having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is affixed to said convex outer surface of said first fixture, interiorly of an edge thereof, and said second end is affixed to said convex outer surface of said second fixture interiorly of an edge thereof.

24. (Amended) The clasp of claim 23, wherein said first fixture comprises a first convexoconcave structure having a first edge continuously joining said first inner concave surface and said first convex outer surface.

25. (Amended) The clasp of claim 24, wherein said second fixture further comprises a second convexoconcave structure having a second edge continuously joining said second inner concave surface and said second outer convex surface.

REMARKS

Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 19, which has been cancelled. Claim 20, which previously depended on claim 19, has been amended to depend on claim 17. Claims 17 and 20 also have been amended to require that the spring member is attached to the convex outer surfaces interiorly of their edges. Support is found throughout the Application, including the original drawings.

The indicated allowance of claims 30 and 31, and the indicated allowability of claims 20-22 and 27-29, is noted, with thanks. However, it is believed that with the foregoing amendments, all of the claims are allowable over the art of record.

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